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*Crisis. Grand decision.*  
"AND WHEN HE SAW THE WIND" *Spiritual crisis*

Matthew 14:22-33

*(Easy to be when not under same pressure)*  
 Man is prone to be hypercritical of fellow man.

INT: Seldom stop to put selves in place of unfortunate  
 Harsh judges guilty of same crimes usually, only  
 in a different way. *Math. 7:1-2. "So much good in worst"*  
 Had you been standing on the water, would you have  
 walked to Christ without hesitating?

I. THE SOURCE OF PETER'S PROBLEM WAS HIS FAITH.

- Was biggest, strongest, bravest, smartest! ??
- Self-confidence, like a horse, can sometimes run away with us like it did Peter. *Math. 26:31-75.*
- Jesus had not promised to join the party on the water. His coming unexpected. Vs. 26.
- Such unusual experiences really expose faith.

II. THE JEWISH RULERS SAW THE WIND. *John 11:16, 25-27, 43-45, 46-53.*

- Jesus had produced enough evidence to convince all men with as much as 10% honesty left.
  - His teachings astonished men. Unanswered yet
  - His life a marvel to all men. Unequaled yet
  - His miracles a blessing to all. Unforgettable
- Chief rulers forced to believe. John 11:47-48.
- But, they saw the wind of public opinion. 12:42
- Forced to make a choice. Chose world. J. 12:43
- Just ask the question: Anyone refusing to obey the gospel today because of neighbors???

III. KING AGRIPPA ALSO SAW THE WIND.

- Jesus was gone now, but Paul was representing Him before rulers admirably.
- Paul was arrested and tried before three rulers  
 One king and two governors before leaving Rome
- Paul preached strong and frightening sermons to one and all. Acts 24:25 and 26:28.
- Agrippa believed, but then he saw the winds of personal sacrifice all about him. *Crisis.*
  - Cost him his wife, power, wealth and life.
- Just ask the question: Anyone failing to become Christian today for fear of sacrifices?

IV. LOYAL DEMAS SAW THE WIND TOO.

- Anyone overly disappointed when weak members quit, might as well get used to it now.
- Demas was Paul's co-laborer. Mentioned 3 times

"AND WHEN HE SAW THE WIND"

Matthew 14:22-33

- C. Demas was doing well until he saw the wind of poverty. II Tim. 4:10.
- D. Twice he was listed as a loyal worker. Col. 4:14 and Philemon 24.
- E. Allures of the world and the prosperity of the wicked was too much for him. Quit.
- D. Will just ask the question: Know of any today who are out of duty because they love the world more than they love God?

INV: Peter did not doubt as long as he kept his eyes on Christ. *Jews. Agrippas Demas.*

No sinner, who obeys the gospel, will drown if he keeps his eyes on Christ. B-R-C-B.

Members out of duty are those who cast their eyes elsewhere. "Lord save me" R-P.

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- E. Agrippa believed, but then he saw the winds of personal sacrifice all about him.
- F. Cost him his wife, power, wealth and life.
- G. Just ask the question: Anyone willing to be- come Christian today for fear of sacrifices?

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